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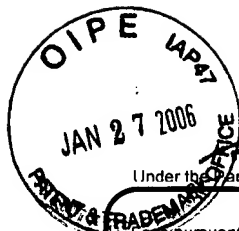
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)** - 20 or HP = x 50 =
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.**Indep. Claims** **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)** - 3 or HP = x 200 =
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.**Multiple Dependent Claims**

Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
360	0

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated October 28, 2005, please consider the following:

Amendments to the specification : None
Amendments to the claims : Begin on page 2
Amendments to the drawings : None
Remarks : Begin on page 10